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SUBJECT: ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO LEAVE "ON EXTENDED VACATION"

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(C) Israeli Ambassador Miki Arbel told Charge March 5 that Israel had decided on a low key response to Mauritanian demands for a "reciprocal" Israeli response to the Mauritanian "freeze" of bilateral relations. The Ambassador and his wife will leave Nouakchott on Friday or Saturday (depending on flight availability) for "an extended vacation." For now, the Mission's Security/Management officer (the only other permanently assigned Israeli official in Nouakchott) and perhaps some other TDY security staff will stay in Nouakchott and the Embassy will remain technically open. Arbel said, "we really don't know what we will do later."

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